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SUBJ: MBFR: POLISH REMARKS ON DATA EXCHANGE

1. FOR THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THOSE WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH ANALYSIS OF NEW EASTERN DATA TABLED ON MARCH 15, WE PASS ALONG THE FOLLOWING BILATERAL REMARKS CONCERNING POLISH DATA:

(1) IN A DISCUSSION MARCH 9, PRIOR TO THE RECENT EXCHANGE OF DATA, WITH VISITING POLISH OFFICIAL MR. WIEJACZ, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION FOR STUDIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND POLISH REP STRULAK, US DEP REP ASKED WIEJACZ WHAT THE LATTER'S THEORIES WERE AS TO THE REASONS FOR THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WESTERN AND EASTERN DATA ON WARSAW PACT MILITARY MANPOWER. WITHOUT HESITATION, WIEJACZ SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT A PROBABLE SOURCE OF THE DIFFERENCE LAY IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY PERSONNEL PERFORMING FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN THE WEST. HE ADDED THAT POLAND HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF SUCH PERSONNEL. WIEJACZ SHOWED HIMSELF WELL INFORMED ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, SO THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THIS REMARK WAS MADE FROM IGNORANCE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER.

(B) IN A DISCUSSION WITH POLISH REP STRULAK ON MARCH 22, US DEP REP ASKED STRULAK, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE EASTERN DATA WHICH HAD BEEN TABLED IN THE INTERIM ON MARCH 15, FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WIEJACZ'S REMARK. STRULAK REPLIED THAT
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IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT A SOURCE OF THE DISCREPANCY IN THE DATA COULD BE FOUND IN WARSAW PACT PERSONNEL PERFORMING TASKS PERFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN THE WEST. STRULAK STATED THAT THE EAST/WEST DISCUSSION OF DEFINITIONS AND OF WHO WAS TO BE INCLUDED OR EXCLUDED FROM A COUNT OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD IN HIS VIEW NEVER BEEN COMPLETED. HE SAID TABLING OF THE DATA SHOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR REACHING EAST/WEST AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT. RESOR

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